

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, treasured residents of Elsberry, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on December 12, 2003, with a festive celebration and family dinner held at Hauser Hall in Elsberry; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on December 13, 1953, John and Margie Smith began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the Fifth Street Baptist Church in Hannibal; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Smith is semi-retired from the Bank of Lincoln County in Elsberry, where he brought great commitment to his position of Executive Vice President for many years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Smith derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from glorifying the Lord as a member of the First Christian Church in Elsberry, and from concentrating on the needs and interests of her beloved family; and

Whereas, John and Margie Smith attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children and their spouses, Greg and Debbie Smith, Kim and Brent Wilson, and Lisa and Dick Mayes, all of Elsberry; and their six grandchildren; and

Whereas, John and Margie Smith have remained devoted life partners throughout their blissful union and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for John and Margie Smith upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.
